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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED POL DIVERSIONS IN RHODESIA:

REQUEST FOR GPRM COOPERATION

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1. I HAD OPPORTUNITY APRIL 20 TO ASK FOREIGN MINISTER
CHISSANO IF GPRM HAD AS YET DECIDED WHETHER IT WOULD CO
OPERATE WITH THE INVESTIGATION US TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WISHED TO CONDUCT IN MOZAMBIQUE OF ALLEGED OIL SANCTION
VIOLATIONS BY US OIL COMPANIES (REFTEL D). CHISSANO RE
GRETTE THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT YET RESPONDED.
CONFESED THAT HE HAD BEEN SO BUSY HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO
DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIS MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES. HE PROMISED
LOOK INTO MATTER AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. BRITISH HAVE HAD NO MORE SUCCESS THAN WE HAVE IN
ELICITING RESPONSE TO THEIR SIMILAR QUERY. ALTHOUGH THEY
HAVE BEEN MORE ACTIVE IN SEEKING A RESPONSE. UK AMBASSADOR
LEWEN REPORTS THAT PENDING GPRM RESPONSE, THE UK
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INVESTIGATORBINGHAM WOULD LIKE TO COME TO MAPUTO TO
EXAMINE THE RECORDS OF LOCAL SHELL/BP OFFICE, WHICH
LONDON OFFICE OF SHELL HAS AUTHORIZED SOME WEEKS AGO
THE BRITISH EMBASSY REQUESTED A VISA FOR BINGHAM FOR
THIS LIMITED PURPOSE, BUT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IS STILL
AWAITING APPROVAL.

3. COMMENT: IT CLEAR FROM DELAYS WE AND BRITISH ARE
ENCOUNTERING THAT GPRM DOES NOT VIEW PURSUIT OF US AND
UK INVESTIGATIONS AS AN URGENT MATTER. THE EARLIER
INTEREST THAT PRESIDENTIAL AIDE SERGIO VIEIRA HAD DISPLAYED
IN SUBJECT (REFTEL B) HAS WANED. WHEN I DISCUSSED
MATTER WITH HIM RECENTLY HE NO LONGER SEEMED TO
BE INTERESTED, AND REFFERRED ME TO CHISSANO, WHO HE SAID
WAS HANDLING THIS MATTER FOR GPRM. THUS, PROSPECTS
THAT GPRM WILL AGREE COOPERATE WITH INVESTIGATIONS ARE
NOT AT ALL PROMISING.
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